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SUBJECT: PREPCON II - THIRD DAY

REF: PARIS 26678

1. SUMMARY: PREPCON II CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY AT
4:10 A.M. OCTOBER 16. LAST DAY SPENT IN TEDIOUS
NEGOTIATION OF GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSIONS
WHICH THE PREPCON WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE. ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, U.S. OBTAINED EC
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AND JAPANESE APPROVAL FOR PACKET OF MATERIAL CONTAINING
REVISED NON-PAPER (REFTEL) INTERPRETING RELVANT PARAS
OF FRENCH CONSENSUS RELATING TO WORK OF FOUR COMMISSIONS
(PARAS 4.3-4.6) AND ANNEXES CONTAINING LISTS OF

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DISCUSSION TOPICS PROPOSED BY SEVEN AND U.S.
SUBSEQUNT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEVEN LED TO OTHER CHANGES
BUT RETAINED CONNECTION TO RELEVANT PARAS IN CONSENSUS.
IT WAS SUBEEQUNTLY AGREED THAT THE TWO LISTS OF TOPICS
FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONS WOULD BE DETACHED AND FILED
AS OFFICIAL PREPCON DOCUMENTS. IN FINAL PLENARY
JAPANESE DELEGATE STATED THAT WHILE JAPAN MIGHT WISH
LATER TO SUBMIT ITS OWN LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION,
THE US LIST GENERALLY COVERED THE SUBJECTS HIS COUNTRY
WISHED TO DISCUSS. FINAL COMMUNIQUE INCORPORATED
NEGOTIATED GUIDELINES AND PREPCON AGREEMENTS ON
PROCEDURAL ISSUS.

2. FINAL CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

FINAL DECLARATION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR
THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
PARIS, 16 OCTOBER 1975

1. THE PARTICIPANTS N THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, WHICH WAS HELD IN PARIS FROM
7 TO 15 APRIL 1975, MET AGAIN AT THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE CENTRE FROM 13 TO 16 OCTOBER 1975 UNDER
THE TECHNICAL CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. DE GUIRINGAUD,
AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE, WITH A VIEW TO PURSUING
PREPARATION FOR THE DIALOGE ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS,
PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ALL RELATED
FINANCIAL QUESTIONS.

2. THE TEN DELEGATIONS CONFIRMED THE AGREEMENT OF
THEIR AUTHORITIES ON THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THESE QUESTIONS. THEY DECIDED
THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CALLED THE "CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION", THAT IT WILL BE
HELD IN PARIS, THAT IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF 27 MEMBERS
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DESIGNATED AS INDICATED BELOW, AND THAT IT WILL BE
CONVENED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON 16 DECEMBER 1975 FOR
A SESSION OF TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE DAYS. THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL BE INVITED
TO THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

3. THE EUROPEAN ECOMOMIC COMMUNITY, THE UNITED
STATES AND JAPAN, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE SEVEN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATORY
MEETING (ALGERIA, BRAZIL, INDPA, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA,
VENEZUELA, ZAIRE), ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DESIGNATION, FROM AMONG THEIR
RESPECTIVE GROUPS AND ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES WHICH

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THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTIRES AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, RESPECTIVELY, DEEM APPROPRIATE, OF FIVE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND TWELVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO BE ADDED TO THE PRESENT PARTICIPANTS SO AS TO BRING TO TWENTY-SEVEN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED, WITHIN A PERIOD WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE MONTH, OF THE LIST THUS ESTABLISHED OF THE DELEGATIONS TO BE INVITED TO THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

4. THE TEN DELEGATIONS ASO DECIDED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD HAVE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN CHOSEN RESPECTIVELY BY EACH OF THE TWO PARTICIPATING GROUPS FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, AND THAT THEY SHOULD PRESIDE ALTERNATELY OVER THE MEETINGS IN A MANNER TO BE AGREED BETWEEN THEM. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING RECOMMEND THAT THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE LISTS OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND THEY SUGGEST THAT THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BEGIN, IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING DESIGNATED, TO TAKE TOGETHER ALL NECESSARY STEPS, IN LIAISON WITH THE HOST COUNTRY, TO ENSURE THAT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDS SATISFACTORILY.

5. THE PREPARATORY MEETING PROPOSES TO THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE THAT IT SET UP A COMMISSION FOR ENERGY, A COMMISSION FOR RAW MATERIALS, A COMMISSION FOR CONFIDENTIAL

DEVELOPMENT AND A COMMISSION FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. EACH OF THESE COMMISSIONS SHOULD CONSIST OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS, TEN OF THEM REPRESENTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FIVE REPRESENTING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, CHOSEN BY EACH OF THE TWO GROUPS OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

6. IN DETERMING THE COMPOSITION OF ITS REPRESENTATION IN EACH COMMISSION, EACH OF THE TWO GROUPS AT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD CHOOSE FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS THOSE WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST AND THE OVERALL SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION, SEEM BEST SUITED TO TAKE PART IN ORDER THAT THE WORK MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN AN EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

7. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF EACH OF THE COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE ASSUMED BY TWO CO-CHAIRMEN DESIGNATED BY EACH OF THE TWO GROUPS RESPECITVELY. JOINT MEETINGS OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMISSIONS MAY BE PLANNED IF THE NEED ARISES.

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8. THE PREPARATORY MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS CONSIDERED, AND WHICH THE MISISTERIAL CONFERENCE DEEMS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR DISCUSSION, BE REPRESENTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS IN THE CORRESPONDING COMMISSIONS BY OBSERVERS WITH THE RIGHT TO SPEAK BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, AND HENCE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE FORMATION OF A CONSENSUS. IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT, THE LIST OF THESE ORGANIZATION SHOULD INCLUDE, IN PARTICULAR, OPEC, IEA, UNCTAD, OECD, FAO, GATT, UNIDO, UNDP, IMF AND IBRD. FURTHERMORE, EACH COMMISSION MAY INVITE APPROPRIATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS AD HOC IN THE EXAMINATION OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

9. MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE WISHING TO FOLLOW THE WORK OF A COMMISSION TO WHICH THEY DO NOT BELONG SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

BE ENTITLED TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE IN THR CAPACITY OF AUDITOR WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

10. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS WHOSE ESTABLISHMENT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE PREPARATORY MEETING WILL PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE ANNEXED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION TO THIS MEETING, IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

(A) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMISSION ON ENERGY WILL FACILITATE ALL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY SEEM ADVISABLE IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY.

(B) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMISSION ON RAW MATERIALS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROGRESS MADE IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND WILL BE ENTRUSTED WITH FACILITATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR REINFORCEMENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY SEEM ADVISABLE IN THE FIELD OF RAW MATERIALS - INCLUDING FOODSTUFFS - WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(C) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROGRESS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED, AND WILL BE ENTRUSTED WITH FACILITATING THE ESTABLISH-MENT OR REINFORCEMENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON THE BASIS OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION.

(C) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMISSION ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS MAY DISCUSS FINANCIAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THEIR MONETARY ASPECTS, OF IMPORTANCE TO

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MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHILE RESPECTING THE JURISDICTION
OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (IMF, IBRD).
(E) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOUR COMMISSIONS
SHOULD FUNCTION IN PARALLEL AND THAT THE RESULTS OF
THEIR WORK ARE LINKED AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

11. IT IS AGREED THAT ANY DELEGATION MAY RAISE ANY
SUBJECT RELEVANT TO THE THEMES OF THE DIALOGUE FOR
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12. IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AIDE-MEMOIRE
THAT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WILL BE CALLED UPON
TO SET THE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE WORK OF THE
COMMISSIONS.
13. THE PREPARATORY MEETING RECOMMENDS TO THE
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE THAT THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS
OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AIDEWAMEMOIRE, AS INTERPRETED
AND CLARIFIED ABOVE, AS WELL AS THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
PRINCIPLE THAT ANY RELEVANT SUBJECT MAY BE RAISED FOR
DISCUSSION IN THE COMMISSIONS, SERVE AS THE GENERAL
GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSIONS.
14. SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE ALREADY TABLED WITH THIS
PREPARATORY MEETING DOCUMENTS PROPOSING SUBJECTS TO BE
DISCUSSED IN THE COMMISSIONS. THE PREPARATORY MEETING
RECOMMENDS THAT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AGREE THAT
THESE AND ANY OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE TABLED
SUBSEQUENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL GUIDELINES
BE DISCUSSED IN THE COMMISSIONS.
15. AS REGARDS THE PRACTICAL MEASURES, THE PREPARATORY
MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONFERENCE ADOPT ENGLISH,
ARABIC, SPANISH AND FRENCH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND
WORKING LANGUAGES.
16. THE PREPARATORY MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT THE
CONFERENCE ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH IT
ITSELF HAD ADOPTED, AND WHICH ARE BASED, IN
PARTICULAR, ON THE PRINCIPLE OF "CONSENSUS", ACCORDING
TO WHICH DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ADOPTED
WHEN THE CHAIR HAS ESTABLISHED THAT NO MEMBER
DELEGATION HAS MADE ANY OBJECTION.
17. THE PREPARAORY MEETING CONSIDERS THAT THE
CONFERENCE SHOULD HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT
WITH AN EXCLUSIVELY ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL
FUNCTION, THE MINISTERIAL MEETING BEING RESPONSIBLE,
ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS BY THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN, FOR
DETERMINING ITS ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHING ITS
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE AND ALLOCATING THE FINANCIAL
COSTS IN RESPECT OF IT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER,
THAT PENDING A DECISION ON THE PROVISIONS TO BE
ADOPTED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK, THE FRENCH

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GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND PROVIDE
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THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR DECEMBER 1975, UNDER THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH
THESE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED FOR THE PREPARATORY
MEETING.
18. THE PREPARATORY MEETING FINALLY RECOMMENDS THAT
THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE DECIDE TO MEET AGAIN AT
MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN ABOUT TWELVE MONTHS' TIME.
ONE OR SEVERAL MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE AT THE
LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS COULD POSSIBLY BE HELD
AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

19. IN CONCLUSION, THE PARTICIPANTS PAID TRIBUTE TO
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR THE INITIATIVE TAKEN
BY HIM, THANKS TO WHICH A DIALOGUE WAS SUCCESSFULLY
INITIATED, AND TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE
EFFORTS IT HAS MADE TOWARDS THAT END. END TEXT.

3. CONFERENCE CONCLUDED WITH CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIA-
TORY ATMOSPHERE SIMILAR TO THAT EXISTING AT START OF
MEETING. GENERAL SENTIMENT WAS THAT, DESPITE DIFFICUL-
TIES TUESDAY NIGHT, FIRST STEP IN DIAL
GUE SCENARIO HAD
SUCCESSFULLY SET STAGE FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL AND
INAUGURATION OF SUBSTANTIVE WORK IN THE FOUR COMMISSIONS.

4. IN BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLOSE OF PREPCON,
DE GUIRINGAUD APPLAUDED COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH LED TO
AGREEMENT ON FINAL DELCARATION AND LISTS OF TOPICS
FOR DISCUSSIION IN COMMISSIONS. HE RELEASED TO PRES
FINAL DECLARATION OF PREPCON, FRENCH AIDE-MEMOIRE AND
LISTS SUBMITTED BY GROUP OF SEVEN AND U.S. RECOMMEND
DEPARTMENT MAKE THESE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO PRESS,
EMPHASIZING THAT PARA 10 OF FINAL DECLARATION INCOR-
PORATES RELEVANT PARAS (4.3 TO 4.6) OF AIDE MEMOIRE.

5. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FOLLOWED WITH SHOR PRESS
CONFERENCE PRAISING THE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE
PARTICIPANTS AND STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
DIALOGUE TO INCREASED INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

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6. SEPTEL CONTAINS TOPICS FOR COMMISSIONS
SUBMITTED BY U.S. AND SEVEN.
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